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SUBJECT: MOSCOW PICKS UP TIMES ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 18

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FBIS REPORT FROM MOSCOW DOMESTIC
SERVICE IN RUSSIAN (FEB. 18) HEADLINED "U.S. EMBASSY STAFF
IN KABUL 'AMAZED' BY MEDIA REPORTS":

2. QUOTE: IN DESCRIBING THE INCIDENT IN KABUL WHICH LED TO
THE DEATH OF U.S. AMBASSADOR DUBS, THE U.S. MASS MEDIA,
QUOTING U.S. OFFICIALS, ARE TRYING TO ASCRIBE SOME PART OF
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAGEDY TO SOVIET CITIZENS IN
AFGHANISTAN. IN THIS CONNECTION THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS
PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY ITS KABUL CORRESPONDENT WHICH
STRESSES THAT SUCH REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN A
SOURCE OF AMAZEMENT TO OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
KABUL. THESE OFFICIALS ASSERT, THE NEWSPAPER POINTS OUT,

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THAT IN THEIR TELEGRAMS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE WAS
NOTHING THAT COULD HAVE EVOKED SUCH A REACTION. THE
REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON "THE NEW YORK TIMES CONCLUDES,
ARE IN COMPLETE CONTRADICTION WITH THE STATEMENTS BY THE
U.S. EMBASSY STAFF IN KABUL. END QUOTE. VANCE

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